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## PERSONAL REFLECTION

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I once listened to a sermon on God's holiness. What a great reminder of who God is and why we can never attain holiness on our own. The gap between His holiness and ours can never be bridged by our own conduct. Sure we can do great for a while, things can go well and we can maybe even feel closer to closing the gap, but then we sin, and slide back down to humanity's level. It's a quick and slippery slide! We're left feeling even worse than we did before, we beat ourselves up and either decide we'll do better next time and start the climb again, or we give up completely and spiral downward.

His holiness is so different than anything we can achieve, on our own. But praise Him, He, in His holiness and His love for us made a way. Christ came and changed the whole scenario. He became the bridge. His Spirit became the power to change our conduct and give us His. As we approach God, let's remember, it's not on the basis of our own conduct and deeds, it's based on Christ's. He gave His all so that we might have everything! Living and walking in Him isn't possible apart from His Spirit's empowerment, which God also knew and provided. Such an amazing thing, His grace.

Here we are at the end of week three, and I wonder, has the Lord transformed us at all? We read, we even agree, but is it really making a difference in our life? Are our choices different? Have we been convicted during the day, only to go back to our same routine the next? Lord, may it never be!

Change happens when we reflect and repent, so we would be remiss to just keep on reading and not take the time to do so. Today is for review. (I know you will be tempted to skip this exercise - DON'T)

**We'd like you to read Philippians 1 and then look back at each day of your study of Chapter 1, and as you do:**

**1) Write down a new concept you learned or something that God showed you in a new light.**

**2) Write out the most impactful verse from each day's study, and why it impacted you.**

**Spend some time discussing with our Heavenly Father what you learned, or were convicted of.**

Remember, He loves you and provides the help to make those changes in you.

**You might perhaps write out a prayer of repentance and new intention, or it might just be a prayer of thankfulness and rejoicing.**

That would certainly be relative to our study, as well.

God bless your time with Him.